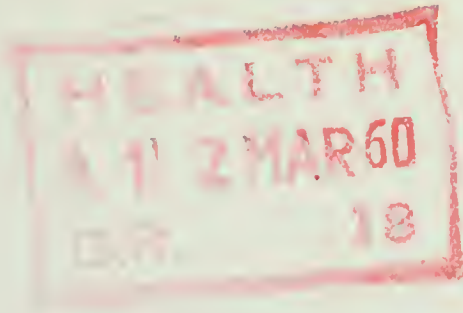




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ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.

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COUNCIL OFFICES,

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

TELEPHONE No. NEWTON ABBOT 571

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	92,650
Population Mid 1957	25,720
Population 1951 Census	25,795
Population Administrative County of Devon	515,700
Rateable Value as at 1st. January, 1957	£ 252,539
Rateable Value as at 31st. December, 1957	£ 245,365
Product of 1d. rate as at 1st. April, 1957	1,024

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	131	169	300
Illegitimate	3	4	7
	<u>134</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>307</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.94
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	13.85
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	13.36
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.23
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	16.1

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	9	6	15
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth rate per 1000 population	0.58
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	46.55
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales	22.5

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 71.02 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths is 67.72 years and for female deaths 74.11 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	159	172	331
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			12.87
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			10.68
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.02
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			10.79

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			19.54
Infant Mortality rate for England and Wales			23.1

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under 4 weeks)			16.29
Neo-Natal Mortality rate for England and Wales			16.5

DEATHS

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Rural District during 1957. Five maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under four weeks	4	3
Infants under one year	-	1
1 -	-	-
5 -	1	1
15 -	1	-
25 -	8	1
45 -	36	20
65 -	43	45
75 and over	66	101
	159	172

Total: 331.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	159	172
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	21
	34	35
C/fwd.	34	35

CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	34	35
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	3	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	21	33
Coronary disease, angina	24	11
Hypertension with heart disease	4	4
Other heart disease	21	45
Other circulatory disease	7	8
Influenza	3	4
Pneumonia	5	2
Bronchitis	7	8
Other disease of respiratory system	-	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	7	-
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	13
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	1	2
Suicide	3	2
	159	172

Total: 331

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	3	3	6
Whooping Cough	47	45	92
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	2	3
Measles	158	138	296
	209	188	397
carried forward	209	188	397



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

	Male	Female	Total
brought forward	209	188	397
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	4
Typhoid Fever	-	1	1
Puerperal pyrexia	-	1	1
	<u>211</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>403</u>

Total: 403

TUBERCULOSIS

Thirteen cases of pulmonary and five cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1957. Details are set out in the following table:

<u>AGE PERIODS</u>	<u>CASES</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	1	-
15 -	2	3	-	1
25 -	-	3	-	-
45 -	-	1	1	2
65 and over	4	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Total: 18

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in three cases during 1957.

H. Davies.

Medical Officer of Health

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A d d i t i o n a l P u b l i c H e a l t h I n s p e c t o r

A. R. Smith, M.A.P.H.I.

S h o r t h a n d - T y p i s t / C l e r k

Miss A. P. Clark.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

Details of inspections made are set out in the following pages:-

DRAINAGE:

Number of premises visited	84
Number of tests applied	23
Number of visits made	129

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	3	3	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	133	112	3	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	11	11	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd).

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Remedied	Ref. to H.M. Insp.	Ref. by H.M. Insp.	Prose- cution
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>					
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	3	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION:

During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

14 Bovine Carcasses and offals
 3 Calf Carcasses and offals
 15 Sheep carcasses and offals
 3 Pig Carcasses and offals
 4 Can Batchelor Peas
 1 Can Pears
 2 Can Apricots
 1 Can Carnation Milk
 1 Can Soft Herring Roes
 3 Boxes Pears
 2 Cans Oranges

FOOD INSPECTION Cont'd

2 Cans Grapefruit
 2 Cans Beans
 3 Cans Luncheon Meat
 1 Can Meat Loaf
 2 Cans Red Plums
 1 6 lb. Armour's Beef
 48 cans Corned Beef
 1 6 lb. Can Ox Tongue
 3 Cans Corned Beef

	CATTLE (including Cows)	CALVES	SHEEP and LAMBS	PIGS
NUMBER KILLED	883	200	3,796	1,425
NUMBER INSPECTED	883	200	3,796	1,425
All diseases other than Tuberculosis (i) Whole carcass condemned	13	3	15	3
(ii) Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	50	-	7	14
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculo- sis	7.13	1.5	.58	1.19
Tuberculosis only (i) Whole carcass condemned	1	-	-	-
(ii) Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	-	7
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	.68	.5	-	.49
Number of cases of C. Bovin	NIL	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION Cont'd

ICE CREAM:

Number of premises registered for the Sale of Ice Cream is 91. There are no premises in the district where ice cream is produced and no ice cream is sold from "bulk" supplies. All the premises registered above sell only the "prepacked" product. Frequent visits are made to ensure compliance with the "Hygiene Regulations" emphasis being placed on the requirement that no packages are to be opened for the purpose of retail sale.

GENERAL:

1,073 visits were made during the year to the various slaughterhouses in the district for meat inspection.

159 visits were made during the year to other food premises.

HOUSING:

A Summary of the work carried out under this heading is as given below:-

Number of additional dwellings provided by Private enterprise and brought into residential use.	
(a) By new Building	94
(b) By structural sub-division	15
(c) Temporary dwellings	12
Number of dwellings inspected	109
Number of inspections made	276
Number of Informal Notices	73
Number of Statutory Notices Served:-	
(a) Under Section 9, Housing Act, 1957	7
(b) Under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957	4
Number of dwellings rendered fit	80

Rent Act, 1957 (Part II) Certificates of Disrepair

Applications made under the above Act	7
Inspections made and Issue of Certificates agreed	7
Subsequent inspections	20
Certificates subsequently complied with	7

MILK (Special Designations) Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk)
Regulations 1949 - 54

- 31 Principal Licences and 8 Supplementary Licences were issued .
38 Inspections and visits were made in this connection.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL:

Domestic refuse is collected throughout the Rural District covering 25 Parishes. Statistical details are given below showing operational arrangements:-

Area of district	92,650 acres
Weight of Refuse collected (Est.)	10,500 tons
Population (R.G. Est. 30.6.57)	25,720 persons
Weight (Cwts) per 1,000 population per day	22.5 cwts
Number of premises from which refuse is collected	7,600
Collections made weekly (% of whole)	74.6%
Average haul in miles	10
Kerbside Collection (% of whole)	100%
Total refuse disposed of within the Rural District	10,500 tons
Method of Disposal	Controlled Tipping
Number of Collection Areas	39
Weekly Collection (Urbanised Areas)	6
Fortnightly Collection	14
Monthly Collection	13
Quarterly Collection	6

Arrangements made meet the requirements of the district and from time to time it is necessary to re-arrange certain of the rounds to meet requests where new development has taken place.

The tip is regularly treated to control rodent infestation and during the summer season daily treatment with insecticide is carried out to control the infestation by flies the majority of which are brought in with the refuse.

This latter has proved to be a problem of some magnitude but the method of regular daily spraying coupled with the covering of the tip surface and tipping face has produced a marked improvement.

RODENT CONTROL

As in previous years two treatments of the sewerage systems of the Rural District were carried out. 101 manholes being baited and poisoned on each occasion.

In addition 240 premises were visited for rat infestation.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933 - 54:

Licences to Slaughter or Stun Animals in accordance with the provisions of the above Acts were issued to 33 applicants.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE BILL:

Following the presentation to Parliament on 6th November by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food the existing slaughterhouses licenced throughout the district were inspected with a view to their being brought up to a minimum standard from the stand-point of hygiene and to ensure the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Licences were immediately renewed in respect of five applicants and subsequently the remaining six applicants, making 11 in all were granted renewal of their licences to cover the period to 31st January, 1958, when their premises were made to comply with the Model Byelaws Series III.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT - WASTE FOODS ORDER 1957:

Administration of the above order ensuring compliance with the requirements relating to Collection, Cooking and feeding of swill to pigs is under the jurisdiction of the County Council.

When requested to accept delegated powers under the Act and Order the Newton Abbot Rural District Council resolved that they would not agree to do so, but would arrange to carry out inspections from time to time and inform the County Public Health Inspector as to their findings.

At the end of the year 14 Pigkeepers had been licenced under the Order.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 269 TENTS, VANS & SHEDS - MOVEABLE DWELLINGS:

- (i) 16 Licences are in force authorising persons to allow land occupied by them within the district to be used as sites for Moveable Dwellings and
- (ii) 53 Licences authorising persons to erect or station, and use such dwellings within the district are also in force, the latter being renewable annually.

Licences are granted subject to the provision of an adequate pure water supply, satisfactory sanitary accommodation and arrangements for the disposal of soil and slop water. The collection and disposal of refuse is carried out in co-operation with the Rural District Council. The lay-out, spacing and conduct of the site generally must comply with standards determined by the Council.

TENTS, VANS & SHEDS - MOVEABLE DWELLINGS: Cont'd

During the Holiday season especially between July and September the influx of caravans and tents increases and a survey is made annually to ensure that water supply points, toilet accommodation and the disposal of refuse are satisfactory and sufficient having regard to the increased usage.

In this connection approximately 60 inspections of sites are made and individual caravans are also given regular attention, altogether 150 inspections were made during the year.

CAMPING:

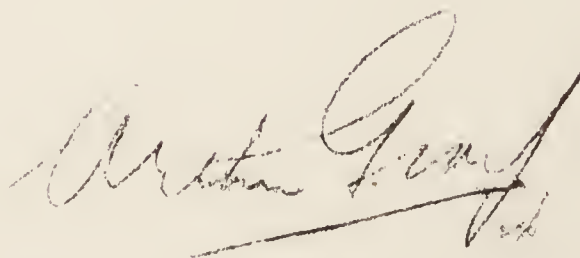
A rapid influx of holidaymakers in July and August led to an unlicensed field becoming a "tented" site almost overnight. Sickness was reported and it was found the campers were using water from a polluted stream, the owner was called upon to close the field and it was cleared within 24 hours. Water in the meantime being obtained from the Farm.

WATER SUPPLIES:

290 public water supplies samples were taken during the year.

211 samples were equal to a Class I piped supply

79 samples were contaminated.



CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FEBRUARY, 1960.

